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# TRUE MORMON DOCTRINE

*Being the Professed Mormon "Articles of Faith," Completed and Explained by Literal Quotations from Mormon Publications.*

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Mormonism is a great farce tragedy. That Joseph Smith was a conscious and wilful deceiver hardly admits of doubt. His life ended in a tragedy, as likewise did those of most of his followers; and Mormonism has been chiefly a farce of doctrine and a tragedy of life ever since. And there will be no end to the sad drama of darkened Mormon souls until this show of masked untruths is clearly exposed, both to its victims and the world.

There lie before the writer two cards of Mormon "elders," having on their backs the so-called "Articles of Faith of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints," or Mormons. Now, it is clear that a genuine creed must contain all the essential beliefs of the system which puts it forth, and none which that system does not really hold. But neither of these things is true of this creed. In all of its thirteen articles it does not clearly bring out even one distinctive Mormon doctrine, while it does lay claim to several truths which are distinctively Christian and radically opposed to Mormonism. This creed was first published by Joseph Smith at Nauvoo, Ill., in 1842, in September of which year he fled for his life—facts which, taken together with its evident character, lead many to believe that it was put forth as an intentional blind for protection from popular anger. It was never adopted formally by the so-called "church" until 1890—a time when recurring dire need of public favor may have proved a similar motive to "holy" deception.

It is time that every one should know both these facts and the real teachings of the Mormon system, so far as they can decently be printed. For it is these beliefs which make up the Mormonism which is so industriously seeking to replace both Christianity and free government by its own evil power. In the following pages Mormonism is allowed to speak for itself, in the person of its greatest prophets. First under each doctrinal

heading is given the "Article of Faith" as circulated by the "elders;" next the real doctrines as taught in Utah to their own people, taken word for word from their own publications, with chapter and section or page given. The quotations are necessarily short, but in no case has the sense been violated in omitting words. The writer has verified most of the quotations from the originals, and knows that they are correct. The others are verified from reliable secondary sources. The *Deseret News* is the Mormon church paper.

Last under each subject a few Bible references will be found, giving the essence of the Scripture teaching on the same topic. These should be carefully studied.

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The names of some of the Mormon works quoted are abbreviated as follows: Book of Mormon, *B. of M.*; Doctrine and Covenants, *D. & C.*; Pearl of Great Price, *P. G. P.*; (these are the Mormon sacred books); Compendium of Mormon Doctrine, *Comp.*; Key to Theology, *Key*; Journal of Discourses (volumes of Mormon sermons), *J. of D.*; Mormon Doctrine (for Mormon S. S. use), *Mor. Doc.*

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## THE PROFESSED DOCTRINE OF GOD.

ART. I. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

### THE REAL DOCTRINE OF MANY HEATHEN GODS.

1. **Many gods:** "Are there more Gods than one? Yes, many."—*Catechism*, p. 13. 2. **Gods are polygamous or "sealed" human beings grown divine:** "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted Man"—*Joseph Smith, J. of D., VI; p. 4*. "And you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, the same as all Gods have done before you."—*Jos. Smith, J. of D., VI, 4; Comp. 283*. "Then shall they be Gods."—*Revelation on Polygamy, P. G. P., 127*. (See under "Man," p. 10) 3. **Adam the God of this world:** "*He*" [Adam] "is our Father and our God, and the only God with whom we have to do."—*Brigham Young, J. of D., I. 50*. 4. **These gods are polygamous:** "When our Father Adam came into the garden of Eden, he came into it with a *celestial body*, and brought Eve, one of his wives, with him."—*Brigham Young, J. of D., I. 50*. 5. **They have fleshly bodies:** "There is no other God in heaven but that God who has flesh and bones."—*Jos. Smith, Comp. 287*. "Jesus Christ and the Father are two persons, in the same sense that John and Peter are two persons . . . possessing every organ, limb, and material part that man possesses."—*Key 42*. 6. **They have children forever:** "Each God, through his wife or wives, raises up a numerous family of sons and daughters: . . . for each father and mother

will be in a condition to multiply for ever and ever"—*The Seer, I. 37*. "His chief glory will be to bring to pass the eternal life and happiness of his posterity."—*B. H. Roberts, New Witness, 462*. **7. The Holy Spirit a substance:** "The purest, most refined and subtle of these substances, [as electricity, etc.] is that substance called the Holy Spirit."—*Key 46*. **8. Subject to laws of matter:** These gods are "therefore subject to the necessary laws which govern all matter."—*Key 44 and 46*.

**BIBLE TRUTH ABOUT GOD:** Gen. 1:1; John 4:24; Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29-32; I Cor. 8:4; Isa. 40th chapter.

### AS TO SIN.

**ART. 2.** We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgressions.

**Sin a necessity:** "Adam found himself in a position that compelled him to disobey one of the requirements of God."—*J. E. Talmage, Art. of F. (1899), 68*. "God's plan in relation to man was that he should fall."—*Pres. Taylor, Mediation and Atonement, 187*. "Was it necessary that Adam should partake of the forbidden fruit? A. Yes, unless he had done so he would not have known good and evil here, neither could he have had mortal posterity. . . . we ought to consider the fall of our first parents as one of the great steps to eternal exaltation and happiness, and one ordered by God in his infinite wisdom. Q. Did Adam and Eve lament or rejoice because they had transgressed the commandment . . . ? A. They rejoiced and praised God."—*Catechism, 32, 33: Comp. 4*.

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Matt. 15:19; Jas. 1:13-15; I John 3:8; Rom. 6:23.

### CHRIST AND THE ATONEMENT: BLOOD ATONEMENT.

**ART. 3.** We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

#### THE MEANING OF THE ABOVE.

**1. Christ the son of Adam-god and Mary.** "The Father had begotten him in his own likeness. He was *not* begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is the Father? He is the first of the human family."—*Brigham Young, J. of D., I:50*. **2. Christ a polygamist.** "We say it was Jesus Christ who was married [at Cana, to the Marys and Martha] whereby he could see his seed before he was crucified."—*Apostle O. Hyde, sermon*. **3. The Atonement does not save souls:** "The Atonement made by Jesus Christ brought about the resurrection from the dead, and restored life."—*Taylor, M. & A., 178*. (See B. of M., Alma 42:22.) The atonement "signifies the deliverance . . . of the earth and everything pertaining to it, from the power which death has obtained over them through the transgression of Adam. . . . Redemption from personal sins can only be obtained through obedience to the requirements of the Gospel [Mormon ceremony]

nies] and a life of good works."—*Comp.*, 8, 9. **4. Must be baptized.** "No person who has arrived at years of accountability, and has heard the Gospel [Mormonism], can be saved without baptism."—*Catechism*, 40. "Children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of hands."—*D. & C.* 68 : 27. 'Will all the people be damned who are not Latter-day Saints? Yes, and a great many of them, except they repent speedily.'—*Brigham Young, J. of D.* I : 339. **5. Blood Atonement** (formerly preached): "*Will you love your brothers and sisters likewise when they have a sin that cannot be atoned for without the shedding of their blood? . . . THAT IS WHAT JESUS CHRIST MEANT* [by "love thy neighbor as thyself."] . . . *I could refer you to plenty of instances where men have been righteously slain in order to atone for their sins. . . . The wickedness and ignorance of the nations forbid this principle being in full force, but THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE LAW OF GOD WILL BE IN FULL FORCE. This is loving our neighbor as ourselves: if he needs help, help him; if he wants salvation and it is necessary to spill his blood on the earth in order that he may be saved, SPILL IT. . . . THAT IS THE WAY TO LOVE MANKIND.*"—*Brigham Young, Tabernacle sermon, Feb. 8, 1857; J. of D., IV*: 219, 220.

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Eph. 2:8; John 3:16; John 14:23; Rom. 8:1-6; I Cor. 11:20-29; Rom. 4:25; Gal. 1:4; Ex. 20:13. "Thou shalt not kill."

### ORDINANCES, BAPTISM, ETC.

ART. 4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

### EXPLANATION.

1. "**Faith** is a principle of power, in fact, the foundation of power."—*Catechism*, 37. **2. Baptism for the living and the dead.** (See under Art. 3.) "The ordinance must be performed correctly. There is but 'one' baptism . . . Any other kind of baptism is spurious and of no effect. . . . The living may be baptized for the dead. . . . The living relatives . . . stand in the name and place of the departed and receive the ordinances to be placed to the credit of the dead. . . . The place for these administrations is in a temple built to the Most High God, after the pattern revealed. . . . The fathers in the spirit world look to the children in the flesh to perform for them the works which they were unable to attend to while in the body."—*Mor. Doc.* 38, 40. "All the spirits who have not obeyed the gospel in the flesh [baptism] must either obey it in the spirit or be damned."—*Joseph Smith, J. of D., VI*: 7; *Comp.* 284. **3 How to get the Holy Ghost.** "There is a set mode by which this great gift [Holy Spirit] is conferred upon mankind

. . . the laying on of hands by men who have themselves received it and have been called of God and ordained to administer it."—*Mor. Doc.*, 16, 17. **4. Salvation by Faith Evil.** "The sectarian doctrine of justification by faith alone has exercised an influence for evil since the early days of Christianity."—*J. E. Talmage, Art. of F.*, 120, (1899.)

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Rom. 6:23; Rom. 2:16-16; II Cor. 5:10, 11; Gal. 6:7.

## BLASPHEMOUS AND ENSLAVING DOCTRINE OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

**ART. 5.** We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy and by the laying on of hands," by those who are in authority, to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

**1. The Priesthood a part of God:** "Men who hold the priesthood possess divine authority thus to act for God; and by possessing part of God's power they are in reality part of God. . . men who honor the priesthood in them honor God, and those who reject it reject God."—*Roberts, New Witness for God*, 187.

**2. Dreadful to oppose it.** "I would just as soon think of heaven entering into chaos and of the throne of God being shaken to its foundation as to think that the Priesthood of the Son of God had gone wrong in its authority or that the Lord would permit such a thing. . . It is a dreadful thing to fight against or in any manner oppose the Priesthood."—*Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, sermon in Tabernacle, April 5, '97.*

**3. Its authority unlimited:** "Their priesthood gives them the right to advise and instruct the Saints, and their jurisdiction extends over all things spiritual or temporal."—*Sermon by Pres. Gowans, Logan Journal, May 26, 1898.* "When a man says you may direct me spiritually but not temporally he lies in the presence of God."—*Deseret News, Apr. 25, '95.* "The Priesthood of God . . . is perfect, and perfect obedience is required of a subject whether high or low, rich or poor."—*Mil. Star, 14:259.*

**4. Requires surrender of the subject's private judgment:** "Whatever I might have obtained in the shape of learning by searching and study respecting the arts and the sciences of men, whatever principles I may have imbibed during my scientific researches, yet, if the prophet of God should tell me that a certain theory or principle which I might have learned was not true, I do not care what my ideas might have been, I should consider it my duty at the suggestion of my file leader to abandon that principle or theory."—*Wilford Woodruff, J. of D., V: 83.* "If Brother Brigham tells me to do anything it is the same as though the Lord told me to do it. This is the course for you and every other saint to take."—*Apostle H. C. Kimball, J. of D., I: 161.* "The Lord has not given the members of the church the right to find fault with or condemn those who hold the Priesthood."—*Pres. G. Q. Cannon, Juv. Instr.,*

29:745. "They are answerable only to God."—*Des. News*, Oct. 23, '95. "No man need judge me. You know nothing about it, whether I am sent or not; furthermore it is none of your business, only to listen with open ears to what is taught you and serve God with undivided heart"—*Brigham Young, J. of D., I: 341*. (See further under Arts. 12 and 13.)

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Heb. 7:18 to 25; 10:19-22; Matt. 23:8-12; Matt. 7:15-20.

### CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

ART. 6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.

**1. All ministers and Christian Churches frauds:** The ministry of the general Christian Church is "a spurious priesthood, destitute of divine authority, divine inspiration and divine power. . . . set up by ambitious and designing men . . . base counterfeit of the true and heavenly coin."—*Mor. Doc. p. 21*. "Such persons [ministers, etc.] are false teachers, and the wrath of God is kindled upon them."—*Catechism, p. 44*. "I was answered that I must join none of them [the Christian churches], for they were all wrong . . . all their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors [the church members] were all corrupt."—*Jos. Smith's account of his first vision, P. G. P., 89*. **2. Damned for being baptized, etc.:** "Any person who shall be so wicked as to receive a holy ordinance of the gospel from the ministers of these apostate [Christian] churches will be sent down to hell with them, unless he repents of the unholy and impious act."—*The Seer, Vol. 1 and 2, p. 255*.

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Eph. 4:11-16; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 8:4; Acts 11:19-21; Rev. 21:27; Acts 6:1-6.

### MODERN MIRACLES.

ART. 7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

**1. Evidences of possessing the Holy Spirit:** "Q. What are the peculiar manifestations of the Holy Ghost? A. Amongst others, visions, dreams, prophecies, speaking in divers tongues, interpretation of tongues, discernment of spirits and angels; knowledge, wisdom, extraordinary faith, healings and miraculous powers. . . . These . . . manifestations of the Spirit always follow faith in, and obedience to, the Gospel."—*Catechism, pp. 43, 44*. **2. A Prophecy, spoken in 1838:** "Within ten years from now the people of this country who are not Mormons will be entirely subdued by the Latter-day Saints or swept from the face of the earth, and if this prediction fails you may know that the Book of Mormon is not true."—*Apostle P. P. Pratt*. **3. Prophecy against the churches, April 12, 1900:** "Inside of twenty years the walls of all Protestant churches

will cave in and their ministers will all have to go out and work for their bread or else starve to death."—*Elder E. Jensen, Boston.*

**BIBLE TRUTH:** John 14:12; Rev. 13:11-17; Rev. 16:13-14; II Thess. 2d chapter; John 16:7-15; Gal. 5:16-25.

### THE BIBLE VS. PRIESTLY REVELATIONS.

ART. 8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, so far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

**1. Foolish to believe in only one Bible:** "Thou fool, that shall say, A Bible, a Bible, we have got a Bible, and we need no more Bible. . . . ye need not suppose that it contains all my words; neither need ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written."—*B. of M., 11 Nephi, 29:6-10.* "And if thou shalt ask, thou shalt receive revelation upon revelation."—*D. and C., 42:61.*

**2. The Mormon sacred Books:** "We consider the Bible, Book of Mormon, Book of Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price and sayings of Joseph, the Seer, our guides in faith and doctrine."—*Comp. preface.*

**3. The Bible of little value:** "Add all this imperfection to the uncertainty of the translation, and who, in his right mind, could, for one moment, suppose the Bible in its present form to be a perfect guide? Who knows that even one verse of the whole Bible has escaped pollution, so as to convey the same sense now that it did in the original?"—*Apostle Pratt, Divine Auth. of B. of M., p. 218.*

"Not a version has been published in which even the unlearned cannot perceive errors."—*Talmage, A. of F., 241.* "Many parts which are plain and most precious have been taken away therefrom."—*Pres. Taylor, Med. & Ato., 11.*

**4. The priesthood can make Scriptures:** "Wilford Woodruff is a prophet, and I know that he has a great many prophets around him, and he can make scriptures as good as those in the Bible."—*Apostle J. W. Taylor, Conference, Salt Lake, April 5, '97.*

"The living oracles [priestly revelations now] are worth more to the Latter-Day Saints than all the Bibles, etc."—*Apostle M. W. Merrill, Conference, S. L. City, Oct., 1897.*

**5. The Bible "nothing":** "Compared with the living oracles these books are nothing to me."—*Pres. Wilford Woodruff, same conference.*

**6. Some Mormon revelations from the Devil:** Jos. Smith said in 1829, speaking by "revelation" of his own "revelations": "Some revelations are of God, some revelations are of man, and some revelations are of the devil."—*David Whitmer, one of the "Three Witnesses" to B. of M., "Address," p. 31.*

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Rev. 22:18-20; II Peter 1:19-21, and 3:16; I John 4:1; Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-20.

ART. 9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that he does now reveal, and we believe that he will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God. (See under 7 and 8.)

ART. 10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the ten tribes. That Zion will be built upon this continent. That Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.

ART. 11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may.

**Brigham Young's inspired doctrine:** "I say, rather than apostates should flourish here, I will unsheath my bowie knife, and conquer or die. Now, you nasty apostates, clear out, or judgment will be put to the line. . . I want you to hear, bishops, what I am about to tell you: Kick these men out of your wards."—*Sermon by Brigham Young, J. of D., I: 83, 84.*

**BIBLE TRUTH:** (See John 4: 23, 24.)

### RELATION TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

ART. 12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

**1. The priesthood the only right government:** "The priesthood 'holds' the power and right to give laws and commandments to individuals, churches, rulers, nations and the world; to appoint, ordain and establish constitutions and kingdoms; to appoint kings, presidents, governors, or judges."—*Key, p. 70.* "The priesthood will bear rule, and hold the government of the kingdom under control in all things."—*Brigham Young, J. of D., II., p. 189.* The priesthood "is the legitimate rule of God, whether in the heavens or on the earth, and it is the only legitimate power that has a right to rule on the earth; and when the wil' of God is done on earth as it is in heaven, no other power will be or rule."—*Apostle John Taylor, J. of D., I: 186 and on.* **2. Instructions in voting.** "The question with me is . . . when I get the word of the Lord as to who is the right man [to vote for] will I obey it, no matter if it does come contrary to my convictions?"—*Pres. Jos. F. Smith, sermon in Tabernacle; Des. News, Dec. 6, 1900.*

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Rom 13: 1-7; I Tim. 2: 1-2.

### MORALITY AND VIRTUE.

ART. 13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to *all* men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul: "We believe all things, we hope all things," we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all



things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

**Brigham Young's inspired comment in 1856:** "I have many a time, in this stand, dared the world to produce as mean devils as we can. We can beat them at anything. We have the *greatest and smoothest liars* in the world, *the cunningest and most adroit thieves*, and any other shade of character that you can mention. We can pick out elders in Israel right here who can beat the world at gambling: who can handle the cards; can cut and shuffle them with the smartest rogue on God's footstool. I can produce elders here who can shave their smartest shavers, and take their money from them. We can beat the world at any game. [WHY AND HOW?] We can beat them because we have men here that *live in the light of the Lord; that have the holy priesthood*, and hold the keys of the kingdom of God."—*Brigham Young, reported in Des. News, vol. 6, p. 291; J. of D., IV, p. 77.*

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Phil. 3:18, 19; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:3-5.

Here the professed "Articles of Faith" end, without even a mention of such *most essential doctrines* of Mormonism as the following:

### POLYGAMY AND MARRIAGE.

Extracts from the "revelation," which is claimed to have been given in 1843, but was denied publicly though practiced privately till 1852, when it was first proclaimed.

**1. Damnation for rejecting:** "For behold, I reveal unto you a new and everlasting covenant; and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye damned." **2. Marriage for Eternity; becoming gods:** "And again, verily I say unto you, if a man marry a wife . . . by the new and everlasting covenant, and it is sealed unto them . . . it shall be done unto them in all things whatsoever my servant hath put upon them, in time and through all eternity, and shall be of full force when they are out of the world. . . . Then shall they be Gods, because they have all power, and the angels are subject unto them." **2. Polygamy:** "And again, as pertaining to the law of the priesthood: if a man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse another, . . . if he have ten virgins given unto him by this law, he cannot commit adultery, for they belong to him, and they are given unto him, therefore he is justified."—*See P. G. P. pp. 123, 136.* "If plural marriage be unlawful, then is the whole plan of salvation, through the house of Israel, a failure, and the entire fabric of Christianity without foundation."—*Comp. p. 125.* "God did approve of a plurality of wives as practiced by his ancient servants. . . . And that which He approves . . . must be not only not bad, but positively good,

pure and holy."—*B. H. Roberts, Improvement Era, May, 1898.*  
 "Those who denounce patriarchal marriage will have to stay without and never walk the golden streets."—*Bible and Polygamy, p. 158.* **4. Christ a Polygamist.** (See Art. 3.)

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Matt. 19:4-6 and references; 1 Tim. 3:2, 12; Deut. 17:17; 1 Kings 11:3 and 4; Lev. 18:18 margin.

## ORIGIN AND DESTINY OF MAN.

**1. Born in spirit-world and came here for bodies:** "This individual, spiritual body, was begotten by the heavenly Father, in his own likeness and image, and by the laws of procreation. It was born and matured in the heavenly mansions. . . The spirits which kept their first estate were permitted to descend below, and to obtain tabernacles of flesh . . . in our present world, and which we will call a second estate."—*Key, 56-57.* "We came to this earth that we might have a body. . . The great principle of happiness consists in having a body. The devil has no body, and herein is his punishment."—*Jos. Smith, Comp. 288.* **2. Man's business is to propagate:** "You are here . . . to raise families and properly educate them."—*Pres. Lorenzo Snow, sermon, Des. News, June 2, 1899.* (Speaking of lawbreaking polygamists in 1899:) "Their love for the increase of their posterity is of such a character that they can endure the consequence and are willing to go to prison if necessary for it. If they can do this they will continue to have children."—*G. Q. Cannon, sermon, News, Sept. 5, '99.* **3. Polygamists and other "sealed" Mormons become gods:** (See under Art. 1.) "Through the essence and power of the Godhead, which is in him, . . . he is capable of rising from the contracted limits of manhood to the dignity of a God, . . . and is capable of eternal exaltation, eternal lives [having children forever] and eternal progression."—*Pres. John Taylor, Med. & Ato., 140.*

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Gen. 2:7; Ps. 8:4-5; Gen. 1:27 with 1 Cor. 15:50.

## ABOUT TITHING.

**1. Motive for:** "It is a day for the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned at his coming."—*D. and C., 64:23; See D. and C., sec. 119.* **2. Records kept:** "A record is also being kept of all people who are not tithe-payers, so that it might be known who are faithful and who are not."—*Apostle R. Clawson, Conference; D. News, Apr. 10, 1900.* **3. How used:** "For instance, defraying the expenses of bringing the Elders home from their mission fields, for the carrying on of missionary work, the needs of the poor and . . . the debts of the church."—*Apostle Lund, News, Aug. 29, '99.* **4. The tithing-books are the Judgment-day books:** (Speaking of tithing records in his office) Presiding Bishop Preston said "that we should be judged out of the books and that all would be judged according to their works."—*News report, May 30, '98.* **5. Stronger law is coming.** "The people . . . will

have to conform to the higher law of consecration [surrender of all property] before the redemption of Zion.'—*Pres. L. Snow, sermon, News, Oct. 8, 1900.* 6. **Joseph's doctrine:** "The doctrine of Brother Joseph is, that not one dollar of that you possess is your own; and if the Lord wants it to use, let it go, and it is none of your business what he does with it. . . [Speaking of elder not paying a loan of \$1,000] He has, perhaps, helped that poor family to gather with it. . . If you murmur against that elder it will prove your damnation."—*Brigham Young, J. of D., I; 340.*

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Gal. 5:1; I Cor. 9:11; I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 9:6-8.

### COMPLETE APOSTASY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

(No church or gospel or possibility of salvation for any one on earth during the 1,700 years from the Apostles to Joseph Smith.)

"When what was left of the form of Christianity became allied to the softened paganism of the Romish Empire. . . . The Church of Christ was gone, without even a shadow of its presence to be seen upon the earth. . . . the living and the dead were left in the spiritual darkness of centuries of apostasy to wait until the dawning of the great and last dispensation."—*Mor. Doc., 28, 29.* "The Gospel of Christ having been taken from among men and divine authority lost, the only way of regaining them is by a reopening of the heavens."—*New Witness; 136.*

**BIBLE TRUTH:** See Matt. 16:13-18.

### MISSIONARY WORK.

1. **No sickness or death for elders at work; must go without money or "grip:"** Elders preaching faithfully, 'shall not be weary in mind, neither darkened, neither in body, limb, or joint, . . . and they shall not go hungry, nor athirst. . . Therefore let no man among you . . . from this hour take purse or scrip, that goeth forth to proclaim this gospel of the kingdom.'—*G. and C., 84, 80, 86.* 2. **Now in Europe:** "Elders over there began to receive funds from their parents, with which they might travel and see Europe. By degrees this fashion has grown, until now it is almost universal."—*Pres. G. Q. Cannon, Tabernacle sermon, News of Aug. 23, 1900.* (See p. 10.)

**BIBLE TRUTH:** Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 10:1-15; Mark 6:7-12; Luke 22:35-36.

### "TESTIMONY."

**BIBLE TRUTH:** See I John 4:1; John 14:26; John 16:7-15.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS.

The reader who has carefully followed the above quotations and Bible references through should have a fairly good idea of what Mormonism is, and of what the Bible teaches on the same points. The Bible doctrine is certainly *true*, whoever disbelieves it; and all that is contrary to the Bible is false, no matter who believes it, or how

sincerely, or what pretended proofs it may bring. (See Deut. 13.) The great question about Mormonism is, then, Does it agree with the Bible? Only one answer is possible. *Not one essential doctrine of Mormonism can be reconciled with the Bible*; all are contrary to it, though the two systems may agree in some minor points. More than this: *Every great doctrine of Christianity is either denied or falsified by Mormonism*. It uses Christian words, of course; but in unchristian senses which only deceive, like the sugar coating on a bitter pill. If there ever was a heathen system of belief, Mormonism is such an one; though it has very many sincere followers who are as yet far above its own level.

Mormon leaders have tried to break the force of some of the above quotations, and the writer has positive information that they have issued orders to burn the volumes of their own publications from which such are taken, whenever they can be had. But they cannot be made away with, and history will stand. If Brigham Young and Joseph Smith, who made Mormonism, did not know what Mormonism was, then *no lesser Mormon of to-day can tell us*. If they were true prophets of God, as both they and the present leaders claim, then they told the truth about Mormonism, and it is given above. If they did not speak truly, as their successors imply by their course, then they were not sent of God, but of Satan, and the whole system falls with their claim. What was true Mormon doctrine then must be equally true now. Mormonism cannot go back on itself at convenience, but must stand or fall by the utterances of its great leaders.

If any reader of these lines has hitherto counted himself a Mormon, let the writer earnestly entreat him to ask himself whether or not he believes in the doctrines above quoted, as better than the pure truths of the Bible and good reason. There can be no peace between the two systems, to all eternity. Mormonism is at war with God and with his Word, and will be forever cast out from his presence; though many of its sincere, deceived followers will doubtless be saved "so as by fire," in spite of its debasing influence. Let every soul stand on the side of God and His Word, in spite of all opposition, forever!

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